In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus comprising:

a screen capable of displaying an image area and a blank area;

an A/D converter to convert an input analog image signal into digital image data;

a black level setting mechanism to set a first black level of the digital image data by adjusting a lower-limit reference voltage of the A/D converter;

a blank data generator to generate blank data to form the blank area around the image display area, a second black level of the blank area being independent of the first black level of the digital image area;

an image data combiner to combine the blank data and the digital image data; and

an output of the image data combiner being displayed on said screen.

2. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 1, said black level setting mechanism comprising a variable resistor.

3. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 1, said black level setting mechanism comprising an illuminance sensor to detect the illuminance around a video camera that outputs said analog image signal.

4. (Original) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said black level setting mechanism outputs a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to illuminance detected by said illuminance sensor.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) A method of displaying an image comprising:

converting an input analog image signal into digital image data;

adjusting a lower-limit reference voltage of the digital image data to thereby adjust a first black level of the digital image data;

generating blank data for display in a blank area around an image display area in which a second black level of the blank data is independent of the first black level of the digital image data; combining the blank data and the digital image data; and

displaying the digital image data in the image display area and the blank data in the blank area of a display screen.

7. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to claim 6, the adjusting the first black level comprising adjusting a variable resistor.

8. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to claim 6, the adjusting the first black level comprising detecting an illuminance around a video camera that outputs the analog image signal.

9. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to claim 8, further comprising outputting a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to the detected illuminance.

10. (Previously presented) A method of displaying an image comprising:

converting an input analog image signal into digital image data;

adjusting a lower-limit reference voltage of the digital image data to thereby set a first black level of the digital image data;

generating blank data for display in a blank area around an image display area in which a second black level of the blank data is independent of the first black level of the image display data;

combining the blank data and the digital image data; and

displaying the combination of the blank data and the digital image data on a screen.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, the setting of the first black level comprising adjusting a variable resistor.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, the setting of the first black level comprising detecting an illuminance around a video camera that outputs the analog image signal.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising outputting a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to the detected illuminance.

14. (Previously presented) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a blanking marker signal corresponding to a single pixel between the blank area and the image display area such that a white line is vertically displayed on the screen which separates the blank area and the image display area.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, further comprising separating the blank area and the image display area on the screen by a white line of a single pixel corresponding to a blanking marker signal.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising further comprising separating the blank area and the image display area on the screen by a white line of a single pixel corresponding to a blanking marker signal.